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III. REMARKS

The Examiner's careful consideration is appreciated. In this present amendment filed with applicant's continued examination application, all prior pending claims are cancelled and new claims 21-32 are added.

The respective paragraphs of the DETAILED ACTION are discussed below.

Paragraphs 1-5: Objections to claims 7, 8 and 10 and rejections of claims 4, 9 and 14 under 35 USC Section 112 are noted but are now moot in view of the cancellation of the claims. The objections and rejection are, however, considered overcome in the new claims submitted; the Examiner's suggestions for clarification have been adopted.

Paragraphs 6-12: Concerning the cited references and the final rejection, Faruque *et al.*, Heile *et al.*, and Hazama *et al.*, applicant recognizes that computer assisted design and virtual assembly and simulation are disclosed. In independent claims 21 and 29, drafted with reference to the Specification, *inter alia*, Figure 3 and Figure 5, the invention is defined as a system, within an organization where functions are discrete and separated, that integrates white body information from disparate sources involved in the development of a model intended to be approved as a mechanical assembly. Claim 29 defines a continuous data management loop within a system where access to data retrieval and system operations are limited by access restrictions in a menu, essentially corresponding to task member functions. In each instance, the mechanical

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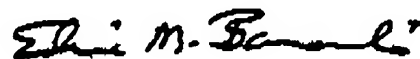
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assembly model configuration and simulation result supplant a previous files associated with a previous version of an assembly - eliminating repetitive procedures and insuring best results to a subsequent group member who accesses an assembly for a further design, assembly or simulation evaluation of a designated part, where, ordinarily, enterprise functions and task group members are isolated from each other and tasks are separately performed independently of any overall relationship.

Accordingly, applicants submit that the cited references do not disclose or suggest the claimed model design process that streamlines data flow with regard to disparate groups having different responsibilities in an enterprise endeavor.

Entry of the amendment, reexamination and allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions in view of the foregoing, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone call to the undersigned.

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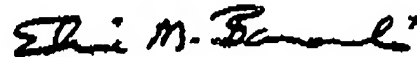
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